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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Justice Official,

I'm writing this letter to voice my opinion regarding the Microsoft Anti-trust case as allowed by provisions of the Tunney Act.

As a technology consumer and a computer user, it is virtually impossible to conduct my affairs without some form of association to the products of Microsoft, the defendant of the anti-trust trial. As such, the decision and outcome of this trial is of great significance to me.

I agree with the conclusions of the courts Finding of Facts as published here:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/cases/f3800/msjudgex.htm>

but I do not support the proposed final judgment as published here:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/cases/f9400/9495.htm>

I object for the following reasons:

1)Although the spirit of the remedial actions are a step in the right direction, they are too loose and do not go far enough. Too much of the language and the details of how relevant items are defined are too vague. As it stands, the door is wide open for the defendant to construct and exploit loopholes that defeat the original purpose of the judgment rendered. Microsoft has a corporate history of placing self-interest above the public good and can not be trusted to abide by a weak judgment by the Department of Justice.

2)The decision to remove the order to break up the company along product lines is a critical mistake that will hurt the ultimate goals of this trial. Microsoft has already been found guilty of illegal monopolistic business practices. Keeping the monopoly intact does nothing to punish the guilty. If allowed to stay intact, Microsoft will continue it's history of

bullying and pressuring competitors with its market dominance along multiple fronts of the consumer electronics and computing industry. As of today, Microsoft has well established holds in the general desktop computing, PDA, and game console markets all under the banner of the Windows operating system. Microsoft can not be allowed to use the Windows to destroy the diversity of a healthy market.

3) Though the guilty verdict establishes Microsoft as a repeated transgressor of fair market practices, no action has been taken to punish the company for past deeds. Over the years, Microsoft has littered the corporate landscape with the remains of corporate entities whose products and market objectives came into conflict with Microsoft. Many surviving companies and computer product producers have testified to the various forms of attack Microsoft has engaged in to stifle competition. It isn't fair to those market participants who have suffered on account of Microsoft for the company to get off so lightly. In addition to the remedial measures, Microsoft needs to be aggressively punished for its previous business practices as an example to future potential corporate law breakers.

These comments I respectfully submit to the government in the hope that it will aid the cause of justice.

sincerely,
Renhao Zhang

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Peace and enlightenment,

-Ren

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